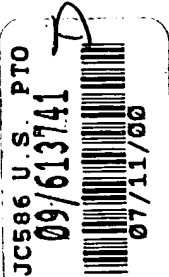


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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing is a patent application of Yuji Tsuda and Kunihiro Yamada for a QUANTITY-OF-LIGHT ADJUSTING APPARATUS, the application comprising a Specification of 62 pages; 81 numbered Claims, including 29 Independent numbered Claims; 27 sheets of Formal Drawings (Figures 1-28(C)); an Abstract and our check in the amount of \$3,816.00 in payment of the filing fee, which has been calculated as follows: \$690.00 base filing fee; \$2,028.00 for twenty-six independent claims in excess of three; and \$1,098.00 for sixty-one claims in excess of twenty.

A "Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application" will be filed at a later date.

Claim will be made under 35 U.S.C. § 119 for the benefit of the filing date of Japanese Patent Application No. Hei 11-199533 (filed July 13, 1999), a certified copy of which will be filed in due course.

Authorization is given for the charging of any further fee for effecting filing to our Deposit Account No.18-1644.

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